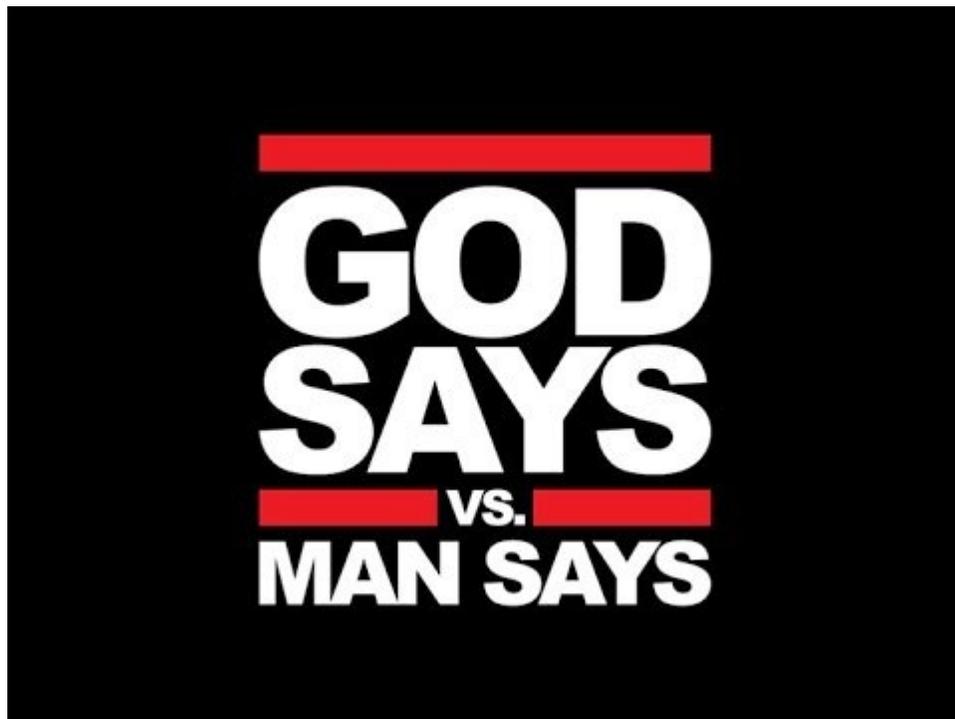


Welcome

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion



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HYMN OF PRAISE (Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9)

Tune: Hymn to Joy

2 Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
 Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
 On the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

SALUTATION (2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Care for your Church, O Lord, with perpetual mercy. Since we totter and are sure to fall without your grace, remove what will harm us and arrange what will make us whole. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

We read scripture from the Old Testament, Apostolic Letters and the Gospels because faith comes from hearing. (Romans 10:17)

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 29:11-19

¹¹The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed."

¹²And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read." ¹³And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, ¹⁴therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden." ¹⁵Ah, you who hide deep from the Lord your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" ¹⁶You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"? ¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? ¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. ¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

Lay Reader The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 7th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-13

¹When the Pharisees gathered to {Jesus}, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ²they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the market-place, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ ⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.” ⁹And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God) — ¹²then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON
God Says vs Man Says

Pastor Heidi Punt

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

LBW #239

God’s Word is Our Great Heritage

APOSTLES' CREED (Romans 10:9-10)

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and was seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

**Or, He descended to the dead.*

THE PRAYERS (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

THE PEACE (John 20:19)

In an attempt to be vigilant and responsible, please use Hand Sanitizers provided at each entrance. Please refrain from shaking hands and reserve a little space between one another. Nods, elbows, or gentle pat on the shoulders, etc., are welcome!

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)

The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared. All loose offering will go towards the Lutheridge Scholarship. If you wish to contribute to Benevolence, please mark your envelope accordingly. For the month of August, Haiti Global Worker is the focused Benevolence, if you wish for your giving to go there please specify accordingly.

ANTHEM

Make a Noise Unto the Lord

Chancel Choir
(Vicki Hancock)

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING (2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (Isaiah 6:3 and Matthew 21:9)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

C Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

Please be seated.

COMMUNION (Mark 14:23)

As the minister gives the bread and wine, and says these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen

At Union Lutheran Church the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday. All baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper are invited to commune. All who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please follow the directions of the Ushers.

AGNUS DEI (John 1:29)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

HYMN

WOV #706

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

Please stand as you are able.

After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

PRAYER

The following or a similar post-communion prayer is said.

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:22-27)

The minister blesses the congregation, using this or another appropriate blessing.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and +give you peace.

C **Amen**

HYMN

LBW #503

O Jesus, I Have Promised

THE SENDING (Matthew 28:19)

The minister may dismiss the congregation.

P You have been nurtured in Word and Sacrament now go therefore and make disciples of all nations

C **Baptizing them in them in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

P Union Lutheran Church you are sent!

C **Amen, amen, amen**

POSTLUDE

Next Week's Readings (August 29):
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 119:129-136; Ephesians 6:10-20; Mark 7:14-23

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Pillowcase Workshop

Monday, August 23, 6:00 p.m.

Social Ministry Committee is calling for help to make special pillowcases for children at risk. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A SEAMSTRESS.** We are sewing pillowcases from fabrics designed for ages 4-18. If you have stashed away any pillowcase materials we would love to have **PIECES 1 YARD OR MORE.** If you are willing to wash, press, cut, sew, or give encouragement, please contact Chery Kluttz 704-633-3484. On **August 23 at 6:00 p.m.** we plan to have a workday to cut out and press. Other jobs of folding and laying out fabrics are needed.

All Adults Invited...

*To kick off the adult class fall quarter, a cookout will be held on **Saturday, August 28, at 5:00 p.m.** to begin the year with fun and fellowship.*

You are invited to join us for hamburgers, hot dogs and home-made desserts.

To make sure we have enough food (but not too much) you are kindly asked to RSVP by August 22 to either one of the people listed below. If you need transportation, let us know that too, and we will come get you!

You may call or use e-mail. They are:

Doris Page – 704-633-5413

Doris Shepherd – 704-636-3458; 704-798-6828; dshepherd@twc.com

Sharon Leazer – 704-633-1811; sharonleazer@yahoo.com

Dawn Merrell – 704-636-9471; dfmmusic@bellsouth.net

We look forward to seeing you and sharing a fun evening together!!



Confirmation

CONFIRMATION BEGINS...

Parents and Confirmands meeting Wednesday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m.

We are beginning preparations for one of the most important steps in your Christian journey, the Rite of Confirmation!

A parents and confirmands meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will focus on expectations and schedule.

Confirmation is a 2-year discipleship endeavor that meets every Wednesday, during the school year, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Students enter Confirmation at the start of their 7th grade year through their 8th grade year (or older). Confirmation provides a learning environment for students to explore what it means to be a Christian, ask deep questions of themselves, God, and church leaders, and prepares them ultimately to make a public confession of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

The class focuses on the Bible and Christian faith like the Ten Commandments, Lord's Prayer, and Apostles' Creed as well as shared Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

Carolinas Youth Retreat

Friday, September 10-Sunday, September 12

Depart at 4:00 p.m. on Friday from the church and return after Sunday worship.

Carolinas Youth Retreat for Grades 6th-12th

Theme: Plans for Peace, Hope, Future Jeremiah 29:11

Location: St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

Cost is \$120 per participant and includes lodging in cabin bunks, Saturday meals, and Sunday breakfast, and T-shirt. The church will pay \$60. (More scholarships are available.)

Worship on the beach, engaging Bible study, interest groups, campfire, games, and friends!

Contact Melanie Corn for more information (mcorn@stplchapin.com) or Pastor Heidi Punt. The church office has copies of the Church Registration Form.



CPR/AED TRAINING

Saturday, September 11, at 9:00 a.m.

On Saturday, September 11, Dusty Morgan will be providing a training on CPR/AED Training. If you are interested in participating please contact Dusty or the church office by Sunday, September 5.

Those Serving in August

Acolytes: Ellie, Ethan, Bailey and Lucas Wilhelm

Altar Guild: Jennifer Curlee and Cathy Painter

Communion Assistants: Jennifer Curlee and Cathy Painter

Lay Readers: Jennifer and Scott Curlee

Ushers: Larry Barringer, Phil Cauble (HU), and Wade Leazer

Offering Counting Team: Tara Davis, Cathy Painter, and Ronald Vellines

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

9:30 a.m. Sunday School (please remember to practice social distancing)

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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